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City clerk wants voters to be clear about both elections

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The Riverside city clerk wants city voters to be clear about which election is which.

“Some voters are mixing up the state special election, with six new propositions, and our city council election for Wards 2, 4 and 6,” said Colleen Nicol, the city clerk. “They are two separate elections with two different ballots and deadlines.”

The statewide special election is held May 19. It is a polling place election with mail-in ballots only for those who have previously signed up. Riverside residents in Wards 2, 4 and 6 have also received mail-in ballots for ward candidates, due June 2. This is exclusively a mail-in election and there are no polling places.

“The city election has a salmon-colored envelope,” Nicol said. “And it’s only asking to select a candidate’s name, not state propositions.”

To ensure the city ballot is counted, she said, voters must accomplish some simple tasks:

- Mark their ballots with a black ball point pen by completing the arrow to the candidate's name.
- Place the ballots in the salmon-colored envelope and seal. No postage is required.
- Sign the back of the envelope and enter the address.

If they prefer, voters can drop off their ballots at the City Clerk’s Office, 3900 Main St. or at the Registrar of Voters Office, 2724 Gateway Dr.

On June 1, voters can also drop off their ballots from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Eastside Cybrary, 4033-C Chicago Avenue, and the Canyon Crest Towne Centre, 5225 Canyon Crest Drive, Suite 13, for Ward 2; at the Orange Terrace Community Center, 20010 Orange Terrace Parkway, and the Victoria Village Shopping Center, 2825 Mary Street, for Ward 4; and at the Arlanza Community Center at Bryant Park, 7950 Philbin Avenue, and the United States Post Office Lobby, 10275 Hole Avenue, for Ward 6.

On June 2, voters will be able to drop off ballots at the same locations from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All ballots must be received by 8 p.m., June 2, to be counted.

For the sake of convenience, the city clerk's office will also accept the special state mail-in ballots dropped off before May 19 that they will forward to the registrar's office.

For more information on the city election, go to www.riversideca.gov or call the city clerk's office at (951) 826-5557.

"Every vote is important," said Nicol. "So vote the state propositions at your polling place on May 19 and vote the ballot mailed to you for your city councilmember by June 2."

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